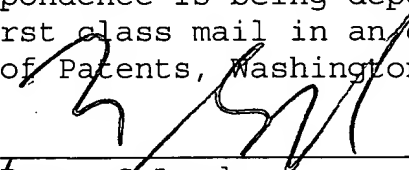


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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The following sections are being submitted for this Information

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Section 1
Preliminary Statements

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

While this Information Disclosure Statement may be "material" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56 it is not intended to constitute an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to therein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

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Section 2
Identification of Time of Filing

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three months after the filing date of the application. ntion.

The art was cited in the specification of the present application.

Section 4
Statements with Respect to Listing of Information

A list of the patent(s) and/or publications is set forth on the attached 1 page of Form PTO-1449 (modified).

Section 5
Statements with Respect to Translations of
Non-English Information

No English language translations of the foreign language patents, publications or information or parts thereof are readily available.

Section 6
Statements with Respect to Copies of Listed Information
Items Accompanying This Statement

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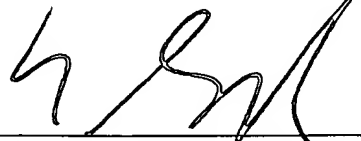
Section 8
Concise Explanation of Listed Information Items

The German article entitled "Elastasebestimmung im Stuhl" and European patent no. 0 547 059 are discussed in the specification of the present application in page 2 as follows:

"Of all the indirect function tests, the identification of Elastase 1 is the test with the highest sensitivity and specificity (Löser, C., Therapie & Erfolg 1997; 1:411-413). It has become established in daily practice as the standard test for exocrine pancreas function diagnostics. The basis for this test consists of polyclonal antibodies against Elastase 1 (Elastase 1-RIA, Abbott) or mono-and/or polyclonalen anti-Elastase-1 antibodies, which are obtained by immunisation with an antigen containing the amino-acid sequence Thr-

Met-Val-Ala-Gly-Gly Asp-Ile-Arg or immunologically effective partial peptides of this. (EP 0 547 059 B1).

Respectfully Submitted,

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